

Hopkinton Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2009

APPROVED

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM at the Slusser Senior Center

Members in attendance: Louise Carr, Mark Newton, Valerie Carr, Jim Martin, Jessica Shimen, Vernon Miller, Recreation Director Justin LaVigne and Ann Wayland.

The guests were Patrice La Vigne and Kayla Carr.

Business:

The purpose of this meeting was to brainstorm ideas, thoughts, new programs and goals. Justin explained that his duties include:

Running the Senior Center (This includes the programs as well as paying bills, budgeting, maintaining the revolving fund and computer work .) The budget has been consolidated to include the Recreation Department and the Slusser Senior Center. This includes the directors' salary, office supplies, training, lifeguard salary and the electricity and irrigation systems for all town buildings.

Summer Day Camp staff

None of the program expenses come out the Town Budget. It comes out of the Revolving Budget which is currently allocated \$40,000.00+. One of Justin's goals is to keep building up the revolving budget. The Summer Day Camp Program is expected to be self sufficient within two years.

The Reoccurring Current Programs are:

Fourth of July

Easter Celebration –April 18th The High School Auditorium is reserved for egg hunt.

Breakfast with Santa

Gingerbread House Making

The Haunted House

Stained Glass Classes

Scrapbooking Classes

Ballroom Dancing

Casino Trip- Scheduled bus trip Sunday February 22nd Mohegan Sun \$37.00

Red Cross Babysitting Class

Other Bus trips

Suggested Programs:

The group would like to see more childrens' programs and Family Activities such as

Childrens Music Classes

Cooking Classes

Introduction to Winter Sports

Tubing

Moonlight Snowshoeing Event

Book Club

Canoeing and Kayaking

Changing the Haunted House to a Fall Festival in conjunction with the Harold Martin Halloween Event. (Crafts, cider, storytelling, pumpkin carving contest, corn maze, pie eating contests, donuts and cider)

A Mom's Group so that new mothers could interact together.

Winter Festival- Ice skating at Kimball Pond with a bonfire, snowshoeing, music, marshmallows or s'mores, hot chocolate, snowmen ,sleigh ride) Possibly Feb 15th.

Move the Breakfast with Santa to Starry,Starry Weekend.

RC Car Racing (Bring it back)

Doodles (Do it again)

Teen Dance (Ask about getting Harold Martin for 7th and 8th graders)

Movies

Diversity Training

Cultural Dinners

February is Black History- get the schools involved/find out what they are planning.

Speaker of the Month

St Patricks' Day Event

Storytelling (Rebecca Rule or Tom Burack)

Hypnotist

Mardi Gras/Theme Night

Karate

Kickboxing

Self Defense (is this already happening?)

CPR

Makeovers or Pamper me Pretty Party

Habitat for Humanity

Candymaking Class

Beading Class (Ann)

Community Service Day (Rebuild the cabins, clean up around the bridge, plant flowers)

Bark in the Park (Bring your dog, Frisbee contests, talent contests, ask if SPCA would be involved) (Ann)

Yoga

Sports Card Show

Celtics, Red Sox, Circus, Harlem Globe Trotter tickets and bus trip

Sports Gear Sale

Gazebo Show

The group discussed the need to get more volunteers involved. We will need to review this list at our next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday January 27th at 6:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Wayland